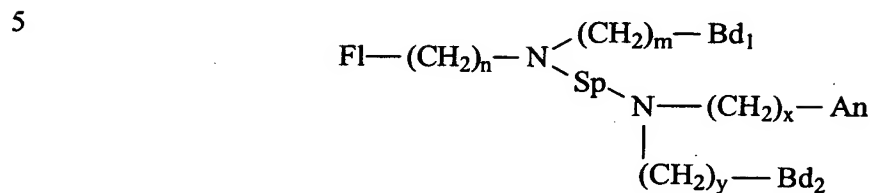


Abstract

Disclosed is a modular fluorescence sensor having the following general formula:



Where Fl is a fluorophore, N is a nitrogen atom, Bd_1 and Bd_2 are independently
 10 selected binding groups, Sp is an aliphatic spacer, and An is an anchor group for
 attaching the sensor to solid substrates. $n = 1$ or 2 , $m = 1$ or 2 , x is an integer, and $y =$
 1 or 2 . The binding groups are capable of binding an analyte molecule to form a stable
 $1:1$ complex. In a preferred embodiment, the Bd_1 is $\text{R}_1\text{-B(OH)}_2$ and Bd_2 is $\text{R}_2\text{-B(OH)}_2$.
 R_1 and R_2 are aliphatic or aromatic functional groups selected independently from each
 15 other and B is a boron atom. The present invention also provides methods of
 synthesizing a modular fluorescence sensor and its use in labeling solid substrates.